

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The following is a marked-up version of the specification with the language that is underlined ("___") being added and the language that contains strikethrough ("—") being deleted:

In the DETAILED DESCRIPTION section:

(paragraph starting at page 3, line 23):

The composition can include the metal nitrate in about 15 to 40 % weight of the composition and ~~the~~ about 20 to 30 % weight of the composition. In addition, the composition can include the metal having weakly bound counter anions in about 60 to 85 % weight of the composition and about 70 to 80 % weight of the composition.

(paragraph starting at page 5, line 28):

In this regard, Table 1 describes results obtained by allowing 2-chloroethyl~~2-chloroethyl~~ ethyl sulfide (CEES) to be oxidized by dioxygen in air while in the presence of exemplary compositions.

(paragraph starting at page 7, line 1):

In another embodiment described above, the composition includes, but is not limited to, two or more polyoxometalates having a metal such as a d-block metal and/or an f-block metal. As described above, the metal is an open coordinate site of the polyoxometalate and has a nitrate terminal ligand and/or a halide terminal ligand. The composition is a mixture of at least a first ~~polyoxometalate~~polyoxometalates having a nitrate terminal ligand and a second polyoxometalate having a halide terminal ligand.

(paragraph starting at page 8, line 5):

In this regard, Table 2 describes results obtained by allowing 2-chloroethyl~~2-chloroethyl~~ ethyl sulfide (CEES) to be oxidized by dioxygen in air while in the presence of exemplary compositions.